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In re Application of: M. Krysiak

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For:

COLORED OR FRAGRANCED HORTICULTURAL/

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claim 37. A colored mulch product consisting essentially of:

a material comprising a fiber cellulose, clay, loam, sand, and/or

a combination of same;

a binding agent; and

a white or light dye and/or pigment which covers the entire mulch product, [and] reflects

sunlight, and reduces heating of soil where said mulch is placed.

Claim 39 A fragranced mulch product comprising:

a mulch product; and

a separate fragrance distinct from any fragrance from said mulch product;